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GROWTH RATE OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of annual growth rate in the production of foodgrains in the country for ensuing years has been fixed at 4 per cent by the Government;

(b) if so, the criteria for fixing the target of annual growth rate;

(c) whether the Government have identified the foodgrains whose growth rate could be increased without delay so as to achieve the target;

(d) if so, the names of these foodgrains;

(e) the extent to which the said growth rate is likely to go up; and

(f) the extent to which it is higher than the existing rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) The perspective plan approved by National Development Council for theNinth Five Year Plan has fixed a growth target of 3.57 per cent per annum for foodgrains during the fifteen period 1996-97 to 2011-12. The target has been fixed taking into account the consumption and nutritional requirement in relation to population growth as well as identified production potential of different agro climatic zones in the country.

(c)&(d) The foodgrains whose production will be increased in a significant manner during the above mentioned period would include pulses, wheat, and rice.

(e)&(f) Projected growth rates in production as compared to existing growth rates in production are given below:

	Existing+ Growth Rate	Projected Growth Rate
Rice	1.48	3.08
Wheat	3.68	4.31
Pulses	3.42	4.93
Total Foodgrains	2.18	3.57

+ Annual average percentage increase during the period 1994-95 to 1998-99.